GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3895
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BAN ON MOVEMENT OF ALL KINDS OF GOODS VEHICLES BY SC
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the Supreme Courts` Order on banning the movement of all goods vehicle in Delhi, which don`t meet the Bharat Stage II emission norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a)&(b) :-Yes Sir,

Hon`ble Supreme Court, on 6th December, 2001 in case of M.C. Mehta Vs. UOI and Others, observed as follows:-

`It is, therefore, proposed that with effect from 15th January, 2002 no heavy, medium or light goods vehicles will ply on inter-state roads by passing through Delhi or New Delhi. It is only those goods vehicles, which on payment of octroi/toll tax carry goods to or from Delhi, which would be allowed to ply. The Commissioner of Police is directed to formulate a scheme in this behalf and due publicity to all concerned and implement the same.`

2002(1) SCALE.162.

On 15th July, 2002, Hon`ble Supreme Court further held as under:-

`We are informed by the Learned Counsel for the NCT of Delhi that despite the order of this Court in 2001, no vehicles in transit even stopped at the border and all of them are allowed to pass through Delhi. Learned Counsel states that the scheme is prepared which of course, is not disclosed to the Court. How many schemes prepared by the Department will precede an order of this Court is difficult to comprehend. If the said scheme permits any truck in transit to pass through Delhi, the Police Commissioner to show cause why the compliance of this Court`s order dated 6th December, 2001 has not been effected and the NCT of Delhi and the Police Commissioner are directed to show cause for the plying of all heavy vehicles through Delhi which do not comply with category - II norms should not be stopped especially when no effective steps have been taken by the respondents to comply with the order of this Court of December, 2001`.